

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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with some foreign power. The question is therefore in the interest of the people as well as in the interest of justice.

Santo Domingo.

Santo Domingo has now made an appeal to us, and not only every principle of justice, but every generous instinct in us, bids us respond to the appeal. The conditions in Santo Domingo for a number of years grown bad to worse until a year ago all were on the verge of dissolution. It was only just at this time a ruler came up in Santo Domingo who, with his colleagues, saw the dangers threatening their country and appealed to the friendship of the only neighbor who possessed the power and the will to help them. There was imminent danger of foreign intervention. The people of foreign creditors had become restless, and at least two foreign nations were on the point of intervention. They were only prevented by the unofficial assurance of this government that it would itself strive to help Santo Domingo in her hour of need.

Accordingly, the executive department of our government negotiated a treaty under which we are trying to straighten out the Dominican people to straighten out their finances. This treaty is being before the senate. In the meantime a temporary arrangement has been made under which the Dominican government has appointed Americans to all the important positions in the customs service, and they are seen to the honest collection of the revenues, turning over 45 per cent to the government for running expenses and the other 55 per cent into a fund for equitable division. The case the treaty shall be ratified among the various creditors, whether European or American.

Under the course taken stability and order and all the benefits of peace are fast coming to Santo Domingo, danger of foreign intervention has been removed, and there is at last a prospect that all creditors will get justice, more and no less. If the arrangement is terminated by the failure of the treaty chaos will follow, and sooner or later this government may be involved in serious difficulties with foreign governments over the island or may be forced itself to intervene in the island in some unpleasant fashion.

Army and Navy.

Do not believe that any army in the world has a better average of enlisted men or a better type of junior officer. The army should be trained to act effectively in a mass. Provision should be made by sufficient appropriations to insure the success of a practical kind.

Provision should be made for the promotion of exceptionally meritorious men over the heads of their comrades for the retirement of all men who have reached a given age without getting beyond a given rank. There should be an increase in the artillery force so that our coast fortifications can be in some degree adequately manned. There is special need for an increase and reorganization of the medical department of the army. Both the army and navy there must be the same thorough training for duty the staff corps as in the fighting line. The importance of this was shown conclusively in the Spanish-American and Russo-Japanese wars. The work of the medical departments in the Japanese army and navy is especially worthy of study.

Our navy must, relatively to the navies of other nations, always be of greater size than our army. We have wisely continued for a number of years to build up our navy, and it is now reached a fairly high standard of efficiency. This standard must not only be maintained, but increased. It does not seem to me necessary, however, that the navy should, at least in the immediate future, be increased beyond the present number of units. That is now clearly necessary is to substitute efficient for inefficient units. The latter become worn out or as it becomes apparent that they are useless. Probably the result would be obtained by adding a single battleship to our navy each year, the superseded outworn vessels being laid up or broken up as they are thus replaced.

Naturalization.

On this subject I recommend: First.—A federal bureau of naturalization, to be established in the department of commerce and labor, to supervise the administration of the naturalization laws and to receive returns of naturalizations pending and accomplished.

Second.—Uniformity of naturalization certificates, fees to be charged, and procedure.

Third.—More exacting qualifications for citizenship.

Fourth.—The preliminary declaration of intention to be abolished and no alien to be naturalized until at least ninety days after the filing of his petition.

Fifth.—Jurisdiction to naturalize aliens to be confined to United States district courts and to such state courts as have jurisdiction in civil actions in which the amount in controversy is unlimited: in cities of over 100,000 inhabitants.

NORTH END OF THE COUNTY NEWS

FORT DRUM.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Knight, Sunday, November 26, 1905, a fine daughter.

Mrs. M. E. Knight returned home Saturday from Whittier, where she has been attending sickness.

G. W. Drawdy has sold his hammock grove to Joseph Guy. Mr. Drawdy received \$1,300 for the grove.

R. D. Holmes left Sunday morning for Fort Pierce, where he went to attend the commissioners' meeting.

John Raulerson came to this place to spend Thanksgiving, his home being at Tantie. He left Saturday, after having a good time.

John F. Parker and G. W. Drawdy, Jr., left Saturday morning for Kissimmee, where they will spend several days attending court.

J. W. Knight and John F. Parker went out one day on a Thanksgiving hunt, and they brought in a large buck and three fine turkeys.

Billy Smith the chief among the Indians, has just returned from a bear hunt, with very good luck, having killed eight large bear.

There were two dances here Saturday night, one at Harley Holmes' and one at Lee Brewer's. There were good crowds at both places. Everyone enjoyed themselves.

Attendants the United States district courts to have exclusive jurisdiction in the naturalization of the alien residents of such cities.

Criminal Laws.

In my last message I asked the attention of the congress to the urgent need of action to make our criminal law more effective, and I most earnestly request that you pay heed to the report of the attorney general on this subject.

There seems to be no statute of the United States which provides for the punishment of a United States attorney or other officer of the government who corruptly agrees to wrongfully do or wrongfully refrain from doing any act when the consideration for such corrupt agreement is other than one possessing money value. This ought to be remedied by appropriate legislation. Legislation should also be enacted to cover explicitly, unequivocally and beyond question breach of trust in the shape of prematurely divulging official secrets by an officer or employee of the United States and to provide a suitable penalty therefor.

Merchant Marine.

To the spread of our trade in peace and the defense of our flag in war a great and prosperous merchant marine is indispensable. We should have ships of our own and seamen of our own to convey our goods to neutral markets and in case of need to re-enforce our battle line. It cannot but be a source of regret and uneasiness to us that the lines of communication with our sister republics of South America should be chiefly under foreign control. It is not a good thing that American merchants and manufacturers should have to send their goods and letters to South America via Europe if they wish security and dispatch. Even on the Pacific, where our ships have held their own better than on the Atlantic, our merchant flag is now threatened through the liberal aid bestowed by other governments on their own steam lines. I ask your earnest consideration of the report with which the merchant marine commission has followed its long and careful inquiry.

It is a matter of unmitigated satisfaction once more to call attention to the excellent work of the pension bureau, for the veterans of the civil war have a greater claim upon us than any other class of our citizens. To them first of all among our people honor is due.

Immigration.

As I said in my last message to the congress, we cannot have too much immigration of the right sort, and we should have none whatever of the wrong sort.

The questions arising in connection with Chinese immigration stand by themselves. The conditions in China are such that the entire Chinese coolie class—that is, the class of Chinese laborers, skilled and unskilled—legitimate come under the head of undesirable immigrants to this country. But in the effort to carry out the policy of excluding Chinese laborers, Chinese coolies, grave injustice and wrong have been done by this nation to the people of China and therefore ultimately to this nation itself. Chinese students, business and professional men, of all kinds, not only merchants, but bankers, doctors, manufacturers, professors, travelers and the like, should be encouraged to come here and treated on precisely the same footing that we treat students, business men, travelers and the like of other nations.

As a people we have talked much of (Continued on page 7)

SEBASTIAN.

Rev. W. A. Myers left on Tuesday for Conference at Ocala.

Cleveland Kitching made a flying visit to Fort Pierce Wednesday.

C. Sembler and sister visited their grandparents in Titusville on Thanksgiving.

Captain Hardee made a brief visit to Jacksonville last Saturday, returning the following day.

After a great deal of dry weather we are now having a lot of rain, which was needed very much.

B. F. Hardesty was in Fort Pierce attending the meeting of the county school board the first of the week.

Mrs. A. Kroegel was visiting friends in town last Monday. Her visits are like the proverbial "angels' visits."

Mr. and Mrs. Lanley Kitching and Mrs. S. Kitching, after a visit of several days, returned to Stuart last Sunday.

Chas. Singleton, of Cocoa, brother of our popular school teacher, and her sister, Miss Clementine Singleton, of Val-karia, visited her during the past week.

Geo. Martin and wife of New York city arrived in town Monday and expect to make this their home. This is quite a substantial addition to our town.

A. Foster returned from his summer outing in Louisiana last Saturday. He was accompanied by his mother, who will spend the winter with her children here.

Thanksgiving was duly celebrated here by a school picnic. Appropriate exercises, consisting of songs and recitations, were followed by a talk by Rev. W. A. Myers. A bountiful dinner was then spread, of which all partook with boundless good cheer and relish. Sports were then engaged in, prizes being offered. Mrs. M. E. Hall took first prize in ladies peanut race, Miss L. Clark second. Violet Hardee, first prize in potato race and Mertice Boughman second.

VERO.

N. O. Penny is looking for a buyer for his place near the railroad, containing six acres, all cleared, properly ditched, drained, and under cultivation; 65 orange trees growing; land suitable for either oranges, grapefruit or vegetables; nice three-room dwelling, finely located on main road near postoffice, school and depot. Mr. Penny will sell this place cheap for cash or on easy payments to good reliable people, as he wishes to build on other property nearby. Just the place for a winter home or for a man to take hold of and make a living on from the start. For full particulars write N. O. Penny.

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In re Estate of Albertina E. Forster, deceased. Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern that on the 14th day of May, A. D. 1906, I shall apply to the Honorable James E. Andrews, Judge of said Court, as Judge of Probate, for my final discharge as Administrator of the estate of Albertina E. Forster, deceased; and at the same time I will present to said Court my final accounts as Administrator of said estate, and ask for their approval.

Dated November 6, A. D. 1905.

FRANK FORSTER, Administrator.

STOVE WOOD!

My cash prices for Stove Wood are as follows: 14-inch, \$2.00 per cord; 16-inch, 2.25 per cord; 18-inch, 2.50 per cord; 20-inch, 2.75 per cord. Car lot, at special price. Light Wood—24-inch, \$5 per cord of 128 cubic feet. Will add Mangrove, Oak and Spruce later on. Wood Yard back of carpenter shop and lumber yard. Leave orders at residence, wood yard or by mail. Prompt delivery within one mile at above prices. H. B. Paxton.

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